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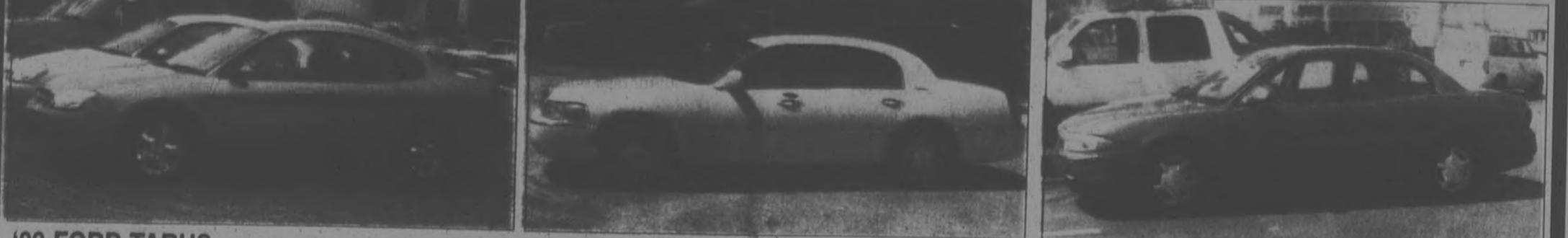
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County BOE holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Board member Danny Jernigan said the superintendent is doing a good job of research, and he appreciates the options she is presenting to the board.

In other business, the board

* Granted Ingram permission to seek bids for domestic duplicating paper which will be used in the office and at the schools for the 2004-05 school term.

* Adopted the school calendar

for the 2004-05 school year. * Approved the textbook committee upon the recommendation of Ingram.

* Approved a motion to allow

the chairman and vice-chairman

to meet with the superintendent

in an attempt to work out the

terms of a new contract. They

will report back to the board

upon completion of the negotiations.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Business Industry program at Elba High School proves its worthiness

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Unusually dry weather is on the tongues of many people right now. There have been comments that last month was the driest individuals with good memories for such things have ever seen for March. We were waiting with anticipation for the monthly rainfall report as recorded by the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority. It arrived this week and all 17 monitoring stations confirmed the low, low rainfall for March. Not a single gauge recorded one inch of rain. Most were down at a half inch or less, but the Geneva County measurement was a whopping 72 hundredths. The New Brockton gauge measured less than a quarter of an inch of rain during March of this year, compared to over four and a half inches for the same period last year. Gauges at Elba, Big Creek, Folsom Bridge, Lowery Mill and Troy all show less than a half inch. Last year these numbers ranged between one and a half and half inches for the month. In 2001 some of these gauges measured over 15 inches during March, total rainfall for the first three months of this year is also below normal. We qualify that with the fact that the Elba and Folsom Bridge gauges had malfunctions during January causing results from those gauges to possibly have reported inaccurate information.

Now we must clean up misstatements from last week. In expressing our scorn for the ongoing campaign to blame President Bush for everything that has happened... or hasn't happened, we commented on an Oliver North legislative hearing. Well that's one story has been floating around for years, but it isn't so. A sharp Elba Clipper reader went to "www.snoops.com" and shut down our great quote as an untruth. Folks we have used snoops.com ourselves in the past to shoot down wild but popular internet rumors, but this one had come from so many good folks over the past two or three years... and maybe we wanted to believe it. Anyway we didn't check and got caught. Oh, Osama Bin Laden was considered a "good guy" freedom fighter battling the Russians in Afghanistan during the 1987 Iran-Contra hearings. North testified about a reported Libyan terrorist named Abu Nidal. Now you know the rest of the story and understand the source of the egg on our face.

Rip off artists abound in this world, we all know that. Probably one of the cruellest is so many of the firms wanting to help people in financial trouble straighten their money out. Many of those start by using unauthorized credit cards to pay for their ads in various news media. We have learned to go the extra mile and check more than the available credit on the card given it happened again this week, but was caught. People considering using a firm offering these services are urged to check them out real good before sending money.

Upcoming Relay for Life Events:

The Peoples Bank of Elba will have a Bake Sale Friday, April 9, in the lobby of the bank.

The National Security Group will hold a Womanless Beauty Pageant Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium.

A Silent Auction will continue through Friday, April 9, at 4 p.m. at SouthTrust Bank in Elba. There will be artwork, a few antique items, handmade birdhouses, plus other unique items.

The proceeds from these events will go to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

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ROTARY CLUB. Tuesday at 7 a.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at City Hall.

WATER & ELECTRIC. Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. at City Hall.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

ELBA CIVIC SCHOOL BOARD. 3rd Monday 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION. 1st

TUESDAY of every month 7 p.m. Legion Hall.

MASONIC LODGE 170. 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

BAND BOOSTERS. 1st Mon. 7 p.m. at Elba High School.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER. Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 1-3 p.m. Newell's Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Clubhouse.

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN. 3rd Wed. Noon Colony Inn. Elba.

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY. 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport.

ELBA meets every 1st Tuesday night at the Elba Inn.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB. 1st & 3rd Monday. 7 p.m. Elba High boys basketball.

NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB. Every 3rd Tuesday.

This space made possible by National Security Insurance Co.

Elba Police Report

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although there are many good things going on with our local school systems, I felt it necessary to brag on one particular program at Elba High School.

Last Friday, I had the privilege to serve on the re-certification

team for the school's business industry program.

The certification process is a requirement from the state department of education and is more formally recognized as the B.I.C. Program (Business Industry Certification).

I was part of a two member

team that went through mounds of paperwork, interviewed teachers and the school-counselor looked at the equipment being used by the program and observed the teachers and students in action... all part of the "business" section of the certification. In the end, we reported back to the state department of education official conducting the certification.

I found myself saying time and time again how impressed I was with the program, teachers and students. There were even times when I insisted the program is better ran and more up-to-date than many businesses.

Now, it will probably be a while before the school hears back from the certification, but I can say without a shadow of doubt that the business program at Elba High School has definitely earned re-certification in my eyes.

Congrats to the teachers, students and administration. Your hardwork and dedication makes us all look good!

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THURSDAY, APR. 1 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to Hardie's (8:03 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 126 County Rd. 137 (8:48 a.m.). Wreck reported on Sunset Blvd. (5:37 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APR. 2 - River stage 5.40 feet (6:57 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 990 E. Davis St. (11:16 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 109 County Rd. 449 (8:59 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APR. 3 - River stage - 5.21 feet (6:42 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1119 County Rd. 410 (10:39 a.m.).

SUNDAY, APR. 4 - Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (12:49 a.m.). River stage - 5.11 feet (7:55 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire at 2588 Old Curtis Rd. (3:07 p.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire on Hwy. 189 N. (4:57 p.m.). Disturbance reported at the Mulberry park (5:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 30 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 31 - River stage - 5.80 feet (6:47 a.m.). Domestic disturbance in progress reported at 960 Carver

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Newbia to hold Easter Sunrise Service this Sunday

Newbia Baptist Church, County Road 330, will host an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 11. Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Sunrise Service to be held at Westside Baptist

Westside Baptist Church located at 1026 Caroline Street invites everyone to attend a Community Sunrise Service Sunday, April 11, at 6:00 a.m. and breakfast following, sponsored by the Ministry of Westside Baptist Men.

Greater New Springfield Church to hold Meh & Women's Day Celebration

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, AL, on April 11, 2004 will be holding a Men and Women's Day Celebration. The Rev. Dr. Howard C. Williams Pastor. There will be a guest speaker by the name of Dennis Threat from New Sunnerville Baptist Church of Daleville, Alabama.

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BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elie Phillips-Copes, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Martha Baxter
Church Office 9:00 a.m.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

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DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: Don Grantham
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Sunrise service planned at Whitewater Baptist Church this Sunday

Whitewater Baptist Church, located on Highway 125 north, will hold a sunrise service Sunday at 6:45 a.m. and Sunday school will follow at 7:45. At approximately 9 a.m., the choir will present a musical for Easter, "God's Holy Lamb". Following the cantata, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Everyone is invited.

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*****YOUTH REVIVAL to be held at Rocky Head Baptist Church located at 3731 AL Highway 125-Elba, Wednesday-Friday, April 21-23. Services will be held 7:00 nightly. The evangelist will be Minister Arthur Gifford from Dothan, Alabama.**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS
Velma Coleman, April 4, Joann Marvin Siler, Jeanette Siler, Lovie Hooks, Hillie Hooks, Mary Alice Blue, The Johnson Family, Clarence Jones, Lela Tyson, Lizzie Tyson

Wednesday Night: Rocky Head, Shiloh-Tarentum, Nazareth-Opp, St. Mary Enterprise, Mt. Carmel-Troy, St. Stephens-Opp, Opp Apostolic Church, Unity Andalusia, Oak Grove-Elba, Rock Ridge-Douzier, Macedonia-Lockhart, Flora COGIC, Mt. Nebo-Troy, Jordan Grove-Searight, St. Matthews-Branley, Mt. Chapel, Pleasant Shade-Enterprise.

Thursday Night: Rocky Head, Pleasant Grove-Enterprise, Mt. Calvary-Elba, Piney Grove-Opp, COGIC, Shady Grove-Elba, Harris Temple COGIC, Mt. Zion Enterprise, Zion Chapel Brantley, New Shiloh-Troy, Elba Zion, New Philadelphia COGIC-Elba, Pea River-New Brockton, St. Luke, Bethel, A.M.E.-Elba, Colins Chapel-New Brockton, Goshen First Baptist, Pleasant Ridge-Henderon, Mt. Sinai-Gnatt, Greater New Zion-Elba.

Friday Night: Rocky Head, Church of the Living God CWFF-Andalusia, Friendship-Al-Assistant, pastor of Hopewell, Comberlain-Presbyterian Church-Leighton, Alabama. Classes will be available for all ages. Men's class will also be available.

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PASTOR'S CORNER
By Rev. W.K. Ellison

SPORTS



Elba's Derrick Thomas slides safely into third base in last week's area battle against Abbeville. The Tigers suffered a 7-5 loss to the Yellow Jackets to fall to 3-10, 1-1 in area play as they suffered their fifth straight loss.

Ranked 9th in 1A standings

Rebels keep rolling up wins

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued to roll up the wins last week as they posted victories over Cottonwood, New Brockton and Arinton to improve their record to 13-8 and moved into the #9 spot in the state in Class 1A rankings.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ZION CHAPEL 6
COTTONWOOD 4

The Zion Chapel Rebels host-



Zion Chapel's Macon Hodge prepares to throw to second during a recent Rebel win. The Rebels improved their record to 13-8 last week and moved into the 1A standings at #9 in the state.

Bulldogs unbeaten in area

Kinston rolls to three big wins

The Kinston Bulldogs hit the field three times last week and posted three big wins to improve their record to 6-9 and move to 3-0 in area play.

KINSTON 6
FLORALA 5

Jeremy Driver singled in Shawn Brantley with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Kinston Bulldogs to an exciting 6-5 win over the Florala Wildcats, last Tuesday afternoon. In Kinston, Brantley had opened the inning with a walk and moved to second on a long fly by Keith Tew, then raced home on Driver's game-winning hit! Jeremy Driver had 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Garrett Parker added 2 hits. Cole Meeks scattered six hits over six and two-thirds innings for Kinston, while J.T. Wiggins got the win in relief as he recorded the final out in the top of the seventh with runners on the fifth and third.

KINSTON 7
ARINTON 5

The Kinston Bulldogs rallied from an early deficit to slip past the Arinton Purple Cats 7-5, last Thursday afternoon. Shawn Brantley and Cole Meeks both had 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while J.T. Wiggins added 2 hits. Keith Tew got the win on the mound in relief as he pitched six and two-thirds innings and allowed only one

hit.

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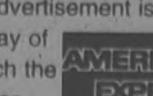
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Former Elba police officer killed in the line of duty

A fatal collision in Covington County last Thursday morning, April 8, claimed the life of former Elba Police Officer Brandon Lassiter. He was working as a deputy with the Covington County Sheriff's Department at the time of this death.

The wreck occurred between midnight and 1 a.m. Thursday morning on U.S. Highway 84 in Covington County when a Ford Explorer driven by Dustin Fletcher, age 25, collided with the patrol car driven

by Lassiter, age 30. Both Lassiter and Fletcher were fatally wounded in the accident.

According to reports, deputy Lassiter was traveling east toward Opp, and Fletcher was traveling west toward Andalusia. Fletcher's vehicle crossed over into Lassiter's lane thus causing the collision.

Lassiter was a graduate of Red Level High School, LBW Junior College and Southwest Police Academy. Prior to serving as a deputy with the Covington County Sheriff's Department, he worked as a police officer with the Elba Police Department and Flora Police Department.

Funeral services for the Red Level native were held Saturday, April 10. He is survived by his parents, James M. Lassiter and Florie Lee Lassiter of Red Level, his grandmother, Vivian Lassiter, also of Red Level, as well as several aunts and uncles.

Commission votes to assist Coffee County EMS

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The saga of will they or won't they pave County Road 517 apparently ended Monday, April 12, as the Coffee County Commission voted to pay two residents for land to be used as right-of-way.

Discussions regarding this issue have dominated the commission meetings as of late, and commissioner Bennett Brooks began Monday's meeting by offering a motion to pay Myrtle Bostick \$1,200 and Jessie Kelley \$4,000 for their land to be used as right-of-way. He received a second from commission chairman Robert Stephens.

Before voting, commissioner Jim Thompson addressed the issue of paying residents for right-of-ways, and he said he is afraid this will open a Pandora's box that will prove detrimental in the future.

Thompson admitted paying these two residents would cost less than condemning the properties, and it would allow County Road 517 to be paved; however, he offered several reasons for not paying the residents.

"What form will we use to decide the worth of individual right-of-ways?" Thompson asked. "On 517 we are paying two different prices for two different pieces of land. Can the county afford to pay every landowner?"

He also asked about compensation for those who have selflessly Elba automotive supplier extends trainee recruitment

Recruitment reopens Monday for AIDT's training to prepare production operators for the recently completed Toledo Molding and Die Inc. facility in Elba, an automotive supplier specializing in injection and blow molding plastic parts. Applications are available at the plant at 375 Highway 203 (State Road 189) in Elba, and Alabama State Employment Service offices at 312 West Gate Plaza in Andalusia and in Enterprise at 2021 Bell Weevil Circle.

Trainees must complete the AIDT job preparation to be considered for employment. The plant will employ 100 production operators by the end of 2004. Toledo Molding and Die Inc. supplies molded plastic parts for vehicle heating and cooling systems.

Start up wages are \$8 per hour and higher, based on skills and experience. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays, vacation time and an air-conditioned workplace.

Applicants with a high school diploma or GED and at least six months of industrial experience are preferred.

TMD will select employees from the trainees who successfully complete the AIDT training program. No resumes will be

given their land for the better of the community.

Thompson said the condemnation process would cost the community more than the short-term, but he said he felt it could save the county money in the long-term.

He said it is the commission's job to make decisions that benefit the whole rather than making decisions based on the short-term.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple also expressed his concern regarding paying individuals for right-of-ways.

Brooks responded to these comments by citing specific times in the past when the county had paid individuals for property.

The motion to pay the two residents passed by a 4-3 vote with commissioners Brooks, Stephens, Linda Westbrook and Jessie Lewis voting in favor and commissioners Thompson, Dalrymple and Tom Grimes voting opposed.

Following the vote, Lee Locklear, a resident of County Road 517, addressed the commissioners and said she feels like she is being compensated for her property because the road is going to be paved.

"I don't feel like I need the money," she said.

Locklear also pointed out that if everyone agreed all the time, there would not be any need for a vote or a majority rule.

She said 12 families on the road, a majority, agreed to give up their land for the right-of-ways to see the road get paved.

"I came here today on behalf of the 12 families to ask the commission to carry out the wishes of the majority, and I believe that's been done," Locklear said. "Thank you for what you have done today."

Commissioner Westbrook offered a special thanks to the directors of the senior centers in her district as she announced that the Pine Level Senior

opposing.

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Welcome home Spc. Smith



The long awaited arrival of Elba native Spc. Marian Smith ended Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. when she and the rest of the 851st QMTCO returned home to Fort Benning, Ga. The service men and women had been serving their country in Iraq for the past year.

Spc. Smith was greeted with welcome home signs, hugs, kisses and tears of joy from her two sons and other family members.

The Smith family said they would like to thank everyone for the prayers and thoughts while Marian was away, and they said they will continue to pray for the soldiers still deployed.

Area Happenings

151ST ANNUAL BRUNSON FAMILY REUNION will be Saturday, April 17, at the Brunson family farm picnic area in Elba.

THE PINE LEVEL SCHOOL REUNION will be Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be at the Senior Citizen Center in the Pine Level Community. Bring a covered dish and your favorite drink. Paper products will be furnished (plates, cups, napkins, forks, and ice). For more information call Todd Boland at (334) 897-5889.

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS announce Kindergarten Registration on the following dates: Wednesday, April 28, at New Brockton Elementary School; Thursday, April 29, at Kinston Elementary School and at Zion Chapel Elementary School. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., and in order to enter kindergarten the child must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 2, 2004. The child needs to attend registration to participate in various screenings. Parents should bring an original copy of the following - birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency.

The change which immediately impacts all Elba utility users is the change in payment policy. Accounts not paid by the 15th will face a 10% late charge. Accounts not paid by the 20th are subject to being disconnected. If the service is disconnected for non-payment, the total amount of the bill plus a \$50.00 reconnect fee will be collected before utility services are restored. Also, the return check fee is increased to \$30.00.

J L Weeks enters race for Coffee County Commissioner, District Two

J L Weeks of New Brockton, AL announces his candidacy for Coffee County Commissioner in District 2. "I have lived in the Old Tabernacle Community in District 2 for 44 years and I feel that I know the people and needs we have in this part of the country," Weeks said. "I feel my conservative philosophy is in line with the people of District 2 and I look forward to serving the people of this district, and promise representation with honesty, integrity and good character with a strong voice on the Commission Board."

Weeks has a professional background in computers with experience in administration, budgeting, property accountability, logistics, supervision and personnel management. J L believes the experience will be asset in working with the Coffee County Commissioners. J L (a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War era), states that his desire is to be the people of Coffee County an even better and more attractive place to live and work.

J L and his wife of 46 years, the former Charlotte Ann Baker of New Brockton, have two

married sons, and five grandchildren. The Weeks are active members of El Bethel Assembly of God, Church, where he has served in several positions from Youth Leader to Sunday School Superintendent.

The customer deposit charge is being discontinued. However in its place is a Customer Service Fee, which is non-refundable.

With the Customer Service Fee changes there is a requirement that a picture identification is required to establish utility services. Customers requesting services to rental property must produce a rental receipt or copy of the lease before service will be connected.

The customer service fees vary according to services required.

A full service residential service charge is \$200. A non-electrical residential (i.e. water) charge is \$100. Small business charges are \$350 and industrial customers charges

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